

Councilwoman Cartright Honors Stony Brook University Student African American Sisterhood National Organization, Inc.

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Farmingville, NY – March 9, Councilwoman Valerie M. Cartright honored the Stony Brook University Chapter of the Student African American Sisterhood Organization (SAAS) at their inaugural installation ceremony. Held this month in conjunction with Women's History Month, SAAS was recognized for promoting academic and personal growth and success for African American and Latina students, two underrepresented groups on college campuses. Through culturally relevant mentoring, developmental programs and engaging experiences, SAAS fosters student learning and encourages a positive collegiate experience for members.

"The founding of the SBU Chapter of the SAAS in November 2016 is in line with the Stony Brook University initiative to increase the enrollment rates of minority female students. The SAAS programs and activities are instrumental in increasing those retention and graduation rates," said Councilwoman Cartright. She added, "these women have embarked on the journey toward continued academic excellence, personal development, sisterhood, support and cultural enrichment together."

This sisterhood organization complements the existing SBU Student African American Brotherhood National Organization established in 2007. Please visit <http://studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/oma/involved/saas.html> for more information about the SBU SAAS Chapter.

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